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In re Application of

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2006

Claims 1-6, 8-18, and 20-22 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 8-9 are independent.

Applicant notes that, notwithstanding any claim amendments herein or later during prosecution, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 8-9, and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gray (U.S. Patent No. 5,485,517) in view of Narayanaswamy, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,144,358). Claims 2-3, 5, 10-12, 14-16, 18, and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gray in view of Narayanaswamy and further in view of Kfoury (U.S. Patent No. 6,549,789). Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gray in view of Narayanaswamy and further in view of Kfoury and further in view of Lim (U.S. Patent No. 6,628,974).

These rejections are respectfully traversed in the following discussion.